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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CONNECTING REGIONS OF IMAGE DATA
HAVING SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS

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	3	Zugaj et al., "A NEW APPROACH OF COLOR IMAGES SEGMENTATION BASED ON FUSING REGION AND EDGE SEGMENTATIONS OUTPUTS," Pattern Recognition, Vol. 31, No. 2, pages 105-113, 1998					
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